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SUBJECT: BELL HELICOPTER COPRODUCTION

REFERENCES: 76 STATE 173833; 76 TEHRAN 8851

1. REFERENCE STATE MESSAGE EXPLAINED DEPARTMENT WAS UNDER-TAKING, AT REQUEST OF BELL HELICOPTER, RECONSIDERATION OF EARLIER DECISION WHICH HAD CONCLUDED THAT PRIOR USG APPROVAL ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THIRD COUNTRY SALES OF COPRODUCED HELICOPTERS. THAT REVIEW, WHICH WAS UNFORTUNATELY DELAYED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, IS NOW COMPLETE AND DEPARTMENT HAS REACHED SAME CONCLUSION ON NECESSITY FOR CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW.

2. ALTHOUGH FORMAL REQUEST FOR THIS REVIEW OF EARLIER DECISION CAME FROM BELL, TOUFANIAN HAD MADE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL (REFERENCE TEHRAN 8851) AND SO WE WANT TO INFORM CONFIDENTIAL

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GOI OF DECISION AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, SEND APPROPRIATE LETTER TO TOUFANIAN FROM CHARGE INCLUDING THE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 3. DEPARTMENT IS INFORMAING BELL OF DECISION.

3. "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS, REGRETFULLY, UNABLE TO APPROVE THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN'S PROPOSAL, AS

STATED TO US BY BELL HELICOPTER TEXTRON, THAT PRIOR
BLANKET APPROVAL BE EXTENDED 'TO SELL OR TRANSFER THE
MODEL 214 HELICOPTER AND SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT TO THOSE
SAME COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THROUGH PURCHASE OR
TRANSFER LIKE EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
AT THAT TIME.' UNITED STATES LAWS AND REGULATIONS REQUIRE
A CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW AT THE TIME OF THE PROPOSED SALE.
UNITED STATES PRACTICE IS TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OR SALE
OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO A THIRD COUNTRY, IF AT THAT
TIME WE OURSELVES WOULD APPROVE THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF
THE SAME OR LIKE EQUIPMENT TO THAT COUNTRY IN COMPARABLE
QUANTITIES AND UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS (INCLUDING
RETRANSFER ASSURANCES) COMPARABLE TO UNITED STATES
LEGAL AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS. THE DISTINCTION
BETWEEN PRIOR GENERAL APPROVAL OF SALES (OR TRANSFERS TO
COUNTRIES "ELIGIBLE" TO RECEIVE UNITED STATES MILITARY
EQUIPMENT) AND CASE-BY-CASE APPROVAL OF EACH CONTRACT TO
SELL IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE ELIGIBILITY LIST (WHICH
IS BASED ON BOTH UNITED STATES STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS) MAY NOT REFLECT THE EXISTING
POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO MAKING ACTUAL
SALES AT ANY GIVEN TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, LIBYA IS CURRENTLY
ON THS ELIGIBILITY LIST, BUT IT IS NOT OUR PRESENT POLICY
TO SELL ARMS TO LIBYA.

"IN VIEW OF THE PARTICULARLY CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES AND THE MUTUALITY OF MANY OF OUR POLICIES
AND INTERESTS, WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT PROMPT AND
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SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO IRANIAN
REQUESTS."
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